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1. ANSWER AS SHOWN IN REFTEL (A) APPEARS ADEQUATE.
2. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT IF THERE IS ANY ADDITIONAL EXCHANGE, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT ONLY TWO US CITIZENS, BOTH OFFICIALS OF US BUSINESSES HERE, HAVE BEEN INVOLVED SO FAR IN THE CURRENT WAVE OF KIDNAPPINGS:
 - A. ANTHONY DA CRUZ, KODAK TECHNICAL OPERATIONS MANAGER, RELEASED AFTER 5 DAYS CAPTIVITY UPON PAYMENT OF EQUIVALENT OF US\$1.5 MILLION TO THE FAL (SEE BA-2459, 2414, 2232).
 - B. JOHN R. THOMPSON, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF FIRESTONE TIRE AND RUBBER, STILL IN CAPTIVITY OF AS YET UNKNOWN GROUP. PRESS JULY 5 REPORTS THOMPSON RELEASE MIGHT BE IMMINENT AS US\$3 MILLION (A RECORD RANSOM) MIGHT HAVE BEEN PAID. THOMPSON'S WIFE TALKED JULY 4 TO CONGEN BUT WOULD SAY ONLY THAT SHE HOPED ALL WOULD BE OVER VERY SHORTLY
3. REFTEL (B) GIVES FURTHER EMBASSY COMMENT ON TERRORIST SITUATION IN ARGENTINA WITH REGARD TO US BUSINESS. WAVE OF KIDNAPPINGS DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY AGAINST US FIRMS OR CITIZENS, WHO HAVE CONSTITUTED TO DATE ONLY A SMALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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